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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Via EFS on April 4, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action dated October 5, 2007, be extended for three (3) months from January 5, 2008, making the response due April 7, 2008, the first business day following Saturday, April 5, 2008. The required fee for this extension is \$525.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge this fee and any other fee that may be required with this request and the accompanying response to Deposit Account No. 19-2112. This authorization is provided in duplicate.

The requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) having been met, the granting of this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, Date: April 4, 2008

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